

**AMENDMENT AFTER  
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Docket No.: 1745.1001



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the application of:

Tadashi TAKIGAWA, et al.

Serial No. 10/652,490

Group Art Unit: 3651

Confirmation No. 2304

Filed: September 2, 2003

Examiner: James R. Bidwell

For: ARTICLE MOVING APPARATUS AND DIRECTION CHANGING APPARATUS FOR  
STICKS

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2005.

Generally, independent claims 1 and 9 are amended herein to include features of "objected to" claims 3 and 11, respectively, and "objected to" claims 8, 16 and 17 are amended herein to be in independent form, to thereby place the application in condition for allowance. Claim amendments are also made to address the Examiner's objection to the claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that entering this Amendment will clearly place the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, although the Office Action was made Final, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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